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PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

ROY JENKINS MEETS PRESIDENT CARTER IN WASHINGTON

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President Jenkins and President Carter met at the White House on the first day of President Jenkins' visit to the United States. In the course of the meeting the two leaders touched upon a number of topics of major concern to the European Community and to the United States.

- Trade: Both agreed on the importance of maintaining, throughout 1980, the good results of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations and of resisting the protectionist pressures which are bound to threaten the industrialised world in the coming year.
- Afghanistan: Mr. Carter expressed his satisfaction with the European response to the crisis in Afghanistan, and his hope that the Community go further than its policy of non-substitution of grain shipments to the USSR. Mr. Jenkins explained what measures the Community had taken so far, particularly in the agricultural field, and he assured the American President that the Community is currently considering possible further steps.
- Yugoslavia: The Community has been making every effort to accelerate the negotiations for a revised agreement with Yugoslavia and thereby conclude a new "contractual link". The aim is to complete the negotiations by the next Foreign Affairs Council on February 5th. Mr. Jenkins plans to go to Yugoslavia in late February to sign the agreement.
- Turkey: Mr. Jenkins detailed the improved prospects for EEC-Turkey relations since the change of government in Turkey, both in terms of reactivating the association agreement and in establishing new mechanisms for political cooperation. Mr. Carter welcomed these developments.
- Iran: Mr. Jenkins explained that the Community's attitude was governed by its wish to aid the release of the hostages, although consideration had to be given to how far suggested measures such as economic sanctions by the Community would actually contribute to that aim. Europeans are conscious that in certain cases, sanctions might be counterproductive.

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- Energy: President Carter and President Jenkins agreed that it is necessary to strengthen the Tokyo agreements and, particularly, to try harder to meet import targets. Mr. Jenkins explained, in general terms, the Commission's intention to propose new measures in an energy package early next month.
  
- Science and technology: There was a brief review of progress since the last meeting on cooperation in these fields was held in December 1978. Both sides expressed gratification at the intensification achieved.

In addition, president Jenkins had meetings with Mr. Zbigniew Brzezinski (National Security Advisor) and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Mr. Cyrus Vance. In a two and a half hour session with Mr. Vance, President Jenkins enlarged on the points discussed with President Carter, and Mr. Vance and President Jenkins also reviewed the prospects for a dialogue between the Community and the Gulf States, North-South relations, INFCEP (International Nuclear Fuel Cycle Evaluation Programme), the effects of Spanish entry into the Community and developments in Chinese relations with the U.S. and the Community.

During his second day in Washington, President Jenkins met with American Energy Secretary Duncan to review progress made on imports targets since the Tokyo Summit. Mr. Jenkins reported on the Commission's intentions concerning the proposed energy package.

Later in the day, Mr. Jenkins spent an hour with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to discuss the Afghanistan situation and to stress the importance of EC action regarding Yugoslavia and Turkey. He elaborated on his discussions with the President and Mr. Vance both on the subject of economic measures directed at the USSR and concerning the advisability of economic sanctions against Iran.

Monetary questions are expected to dominate the third and last day of President Jenkins' visit. Mr. Jenkins has already assured the United States of the Community's interest in the maintenance of a strong U.S. dollar.

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